



State of Arizona

Department of Education



Contracts Management Unit

AWARD DETERMINATION/NOTICE OF AWARD

Solicitation No. RPF ED04-0042

Arizona K-12 English Language Learner Proficiency Assessment Instruments

Pursuant to A.A.C. R2-7-334 I determine to award a contract to Harcourt Assessment, Inc. of San Antonio, Texas for their *Stanford English Language Proficiency Test* (Stanford ELP) to provide the services required by the above referenced solicitation and as further described by the offeror's proposal. This proposal is determined to be the most advantageous to the State based on the evaluation criteria set forth in the solicitation.

This procurement was conducted pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-2534 and implementing rules, and under authority delegated to the Department for this procurement by the State Procurement Administrator. The Department issued solicitation number RPF ED04-0042 on February 13, 2004. The Department issued amendment 1 February 20, 2004, amendment 2 issued March 3, 2004 and amendment 3 issued March 8, 2004 to respond to questions asked by potential offerors. All are available in the procurement file.

The Department received five proposals in response to this solicitation by 10:00 a.m., March 15, 2004.

1. CTB McGraw-Hill (CELDT assessment)
2. Harcourt Assessment (Stanford ELP assessment)
3. MetriTech (LPTS assessment)
4. Measurement Inc. (MAC II assessment from TASA) and
5. Pearson Educational Measurements (IPT assessment from Ballard Tighe).

All proposals were responsive to the solicitation.

An evaluation team that included Daniel John Barlow (Chinle PS), Marcy Granillo (Isaac District), Ricky Hernandez (Tucson USD), Anna Rosas (Nogales USD), Rolanda Bell (ADE), Sheryl Green (ADE), Kathie Mooney (ADE) and Irene Moreno (ADE) met on March 16, 17 and 21 2004 to review these proposals using a detailed evaluation tool based on the following evaluation criteria as stated in the solicitation:

1. The alignment of the proposed assessment instruments to Arizona's ELL proficiency standards;
2. The offeror's method of approach and implementation plan for providing these services;
3. The offeror's price per student tested; and
4. The offeror's documented experience, expertise, and reliability in providing similar services.

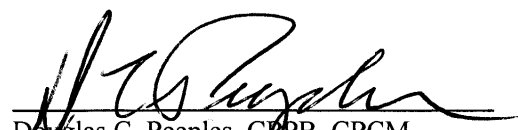
Margaret (Suzie) Seibert and Cindy Turner of Aha Inc. facilitated this evaluation process.

The committee awarded the following evaluation scores based on a 1000-point scale:

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| 1. Harcourt Assessment, Inc. proposal and test | 735 |
| 2. Pearson Educational Measurement proposal and test | 602 |
| 3. MetriTech proposal and test | 508 |
| 4. Measurement Inc. proposal and test | 435 |
| 5. CTB/McGraw-Hill proposal and test | 390 |

The completed evaluation forms for these proposals and assessments are available in the procurement file.

This issue was considered and approved by the State Board of Education on March 29, 2004.


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Procurement Officer

3-29-2004
Date